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April 27, 1993

Ms. Donna R. Searcy
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. Rm. 222
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the matter of Amendment of Section 25.131 of the
Commission's Rules and Regulations to Eliminate the
Licensing Requirement for Certain International
Receive-Only Earth Stations
CC Docket No. 93-23

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Transmitted for filing on behalf of New England
Satellite Systems, Inc. is an original and four copies of
comments in the above-referenced matter.

Should any questions arise, please contact John J.
Foley, Jr. at 508-842-4328.

Sincerely,

John J. Foley, Jr.
President

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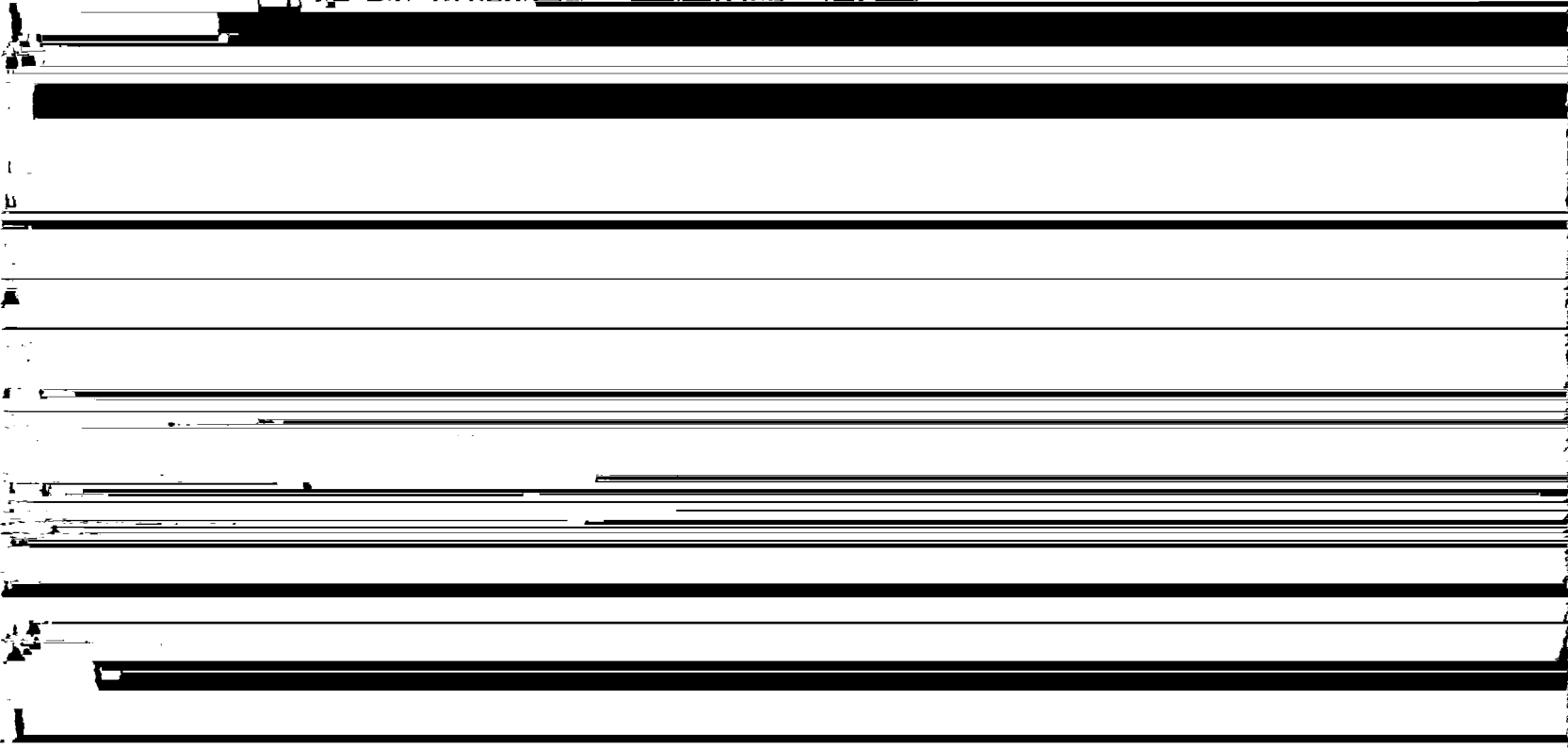
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Amendment of Section 25.131
of the Commission's Rules
and Regulations to Eliminate the
Licensing Requirements for Certain
International Receive-Only Earth Stations)

New England Satellite Systems respectfully submits these Comments in support of the Commission's proposals to eliminate ~~licensing requirements for most receive only antennas operating~~

customer requests. We therefore have a strong interest in the outcome of this proceeding, and commend the Commission for revisiting Part 25, Section 25.131, to eliminate unnecessary licensing requirements. As discussed below, we do not believe such licensing serves any useful purpose.

As an experienced provider of receive-only services operating with domestic satellites, New England Satellite Systems agrees with the Commission's proposal to eliminate licensing of international receive-only antennas. No licensing has been required for domestic receive-only antennas for over a decade and this policy has worked very well. We see no technical reasons or any benefits to continuing a burdensome licensing process for international receive-only antennas. As



For international receive-only earth stations operating in downlinks which share frequency bands with other services, such as in C-band, a voluntary registration process should be available to those seeking some protection from interference.